

REMARKS

In order to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant has opted to cancel claims 1-10, without prejudice to filing one or more continuing applications to claim the cancelled subject matter. The remaining claims clearly define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, allowance of this application is respectfully requested for one or more of the reasons set forth below.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to Figure 5(a) and the related description in the text of the specification. As shown therein, the first display unit 110 is much larger than the second display unit 120 and both are illuminated by a common illumination unit 130. When viewing the first display unit 110, it is possible for the second display unit 120 to cast a shadow onto the first display unit 110. To overcome this problem, an optical sheet 151 is provided that reduces the shadow effects on the first display unit 110. Alternatively, as shown in Figure 5(b), the casing 160 is composed of a material that achieves a similar effect.

It is submitted that none of the cited art remotely suggests the subject matter of the pending independent claims. Thus, they should be in condition for allowance, as should the dependent claims that depend from them. In the final Office Action it does not appear that the Examiner addressed the limitations in the now pending claims when applying the cited art. As it now stands, these claims are rejected as being anticipated under 35 USC 102(e) by U.S. Patent No. 7,034,799 to Lee or U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0103174 to Han et al. It is submitted that neither of these references remotely address the same problems as Applicant's invention nor do they provide any solution to

that problem. Moreover, neither of these references discloses the limitations of the independent claims as defined therein.

Finally, the amendments to the claims are not narrowing amendments and, therefore, should have no estoppel effect. They either somewhat broadening in scope and/or are being submitted to clarify that while the second display "unit" may have peripheral portions (such as seals, IC mounting areas, etc.) that may overlap the optical sheet, the display "area" of the second display unit does not overlap the optical sheet - as may be recited in some of the claims.

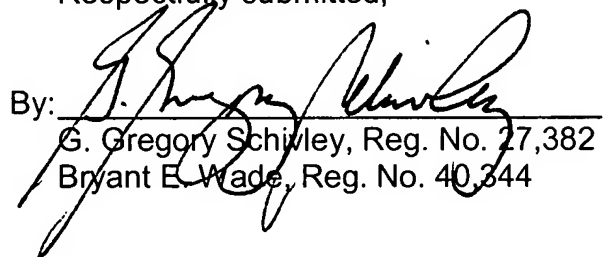
Therefore, for one or more of the following reasons, the Examiner is requested to reconsider this rejection and pass this application to allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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